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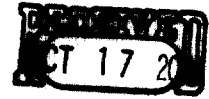
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**VIA UPS OVERNIGHT**

Mr. David S. Evans  
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U.S. EPA Headquarters  
Areio Rios Building  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Proposed NPL Listing of Sauget Areas 1 and 2  
Request for an Extension of Time to Comment

Dear Mr. Evans:

This firm has been asked to represent Ameren Services Inc., a company that is alleged by EPA to be a potentially responsible party with respect to both Sauget Areas 1 and 2. On September 13, 2001, the EPA proposed the listing of these areas as separate sites on the National Priorities List (NPL). Our client has asked us to prepare and submit comments on the EPA's proposed listing.

When the EPA published its notice, it allowed for a sixty-day comment period ending November 13, 2001. 66 Fed. Reg. 47612 (2001). The purpose of this letter is to request a sixty-day extension of the comment period, until January 14, 2002. Mr. Steve Caldwell of EPA Region 5 suggested that requests for extension of the comment period be sent directly to you.

We request this extension on behalf of Ameren because although our client made diligent efforts to obtain from EPA the reference documents on which the Agency's proposed listing is based, those documents became available to Ameren only when they were received from EPA on October 9, 2001. Because it is impractical for a serious review of these documents to be undertaken without a printed copy of each document, it was necessary to duplicate a backup CD and send the original to a contractor for copying and binding. For reasons we do not understand, our contractor was initially unable to correctly read the CD contents, and did not sort out the problem until Monday, October 15, 2001. As a result, actual copies of these documents did not become available to Ameren for distribution to its consultants until Tuesday, October 16, 2001. Thus, by the

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time Ameren was in a position to even begin the necessarily detailed and highly technical review of the reference documents, over one month of the comment period had elapsed.

Given the fact that Areas 1 and 2 consist of a compilation of many different properties, and that the Agency's HRS scoring package contains ninety-eight reference documents for these two areas, the process of review and comment on the Agency's listing will be complicated and time consuming. With one-half of the comment period already expired, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for Ameren to prepare and complete its comments within the remaining time. Accordingly, on behalf of our client we hereby request a sixty-day extension of the comment period, through January 14, 2002.

Please respond directly to the undersigned as soon as possible with respect to this request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



James R. Morrin

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cc: Susan Knowles (Ameren Services, Inc.)  
Steven M. Caldwell (U.S. EPA – Region 5)